SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Sir, I want to draw your attention to an area further west of Western Orissa. I had been to Jhansi very recently and Jhansi Fort is in a dilapidated condition, not being attended to. Similarly, in Gwalior, palaeolithic collections are there. The state of monuments there will bring tears from there eyes of the person visiting. In such places, what does the Ministry propose to do? One attendant will not do. He is callous. There is no arrangement for guides etc. I am drawing the attention of the Minister and seeking a reply for this.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He is asking a question about M.P.

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: We will look into it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No 202.

B. Baruah Cancer Hospital at Guwahati

*202. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Assam Government to develop the B. Baruah Cancer Hospital at Guwahati into a full-fledged cancer institute; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Assam had sent a proposal in November, 1987 regarding Dr. B. B. Cancer Institute at Guwahati which, inter alia, included the following:

—Strengthening of treatment and diagnostic facilities for cancer by replacement of equipment.

—Provision of surgical facilities.

—Increasing the bed-strength from 50 to 250.

Dr. B. B. Cancer Institute at Guwahati was recognised as a Regional Cancer Centre in 1980 and is being assisted in a phased manner by the Government of India. During the Sixth Plan (1975—80), Rs. 50.96 lakhs was provided for purchase of equipment. During the first three years of the 7th Five Year Plan (1985—88) Rs. 42 lakhs have been released to this Institution. The Institute is also receiving assistance from the Government of Assam and the North Eastern Council which has given a construction grant of Rs. 35 lakhs for the new radio-therapy block.

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: The number of cancer patients is very high in Assam. The number of patients that turn up for treatment at Dr. B. B. Cancer Institute, Guwahati, is more than a thousand every month. Although it is declared a Regional Cancer Institute, it has not yet been fully modernised and the amount of Rs. 50 lakhs just now mentioned by the Minister for modernisation is very nominal. In the circumstances for better treatment people are moving to Madras or Bombay. In order to help the people of this cancer infested State Government should equip this Dr. B. B. Cancer Institute with the most modern surgical and radiotherapic devices. I want to know whether the Government propose to train the doctors abroad in treating cancer patients with chemotherapy and whether the Government agrees to grant sufficient foreign exchange for the purpose.

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE: Sir, may I inform the honourable Member, I have just been informed this morning that a team of oncologists from Tata Memorial Centre is visiting Guwahati tomorrow to make a study of the problem there and to assess the provisional input. They are prepar-

ing a status report on the existing State centres and are spelling out their needs. A corporate effort of the North-East Council, Department of Atomic Energy, Central Government, Regional District Centres and the Indian Council of Medical Research could achieve the goal.

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: My question is regarding chemotherapy. That is a medicinal treatment. For this chemotherapy doctors should be trained abroad. Now there are only two persons trained available at the Institute of Medical Sciences in Delhi. So, is the Government prepared to train doctors abroad in chemotherapic treatment and in high cobalt radio isotope therapy? This is my question to which I am not getting an answer.

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE: Sir, the Ministry has a scheme for giving Central assistance to State Government institutions for setting up cobalt therapy units and early cancer detection centres. We have already sent a copy of letter dated 22nd March 1980 to the Assam Government. We have suggested that the State Government should send a separate proposal for setting up a cobalt therapy unit in the State's medical college hospitals for the consideration of the Central Government. This scheme envisages Central assistance to the extent of Rs. 12 lakhs for setting up cobalt therapy units. It was also suggested to the Assam Government that some institutions in the State could be selected for setting up Early Cancer Detection Centres as envisaged in the scheme for which Central assistance to the extent of Rs. 50,000 can be given and we have not received yet any proposal from the State Government.

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVATRY: Sir, a recent analysis shows that the incidence of cancer is very high in Assam... (*Interruptions*).

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE: Sir, I could not get her question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Chakravarty, will you repeat your second supplementary?

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Sir, a recent analysis shows that the incidence of canecr is very high in Assam and, in particular, intestinal cancer is very high in the district of Kamrup. I would like to know whether the Government is aware of this or not. Secondly, Sir, the honourable Minister just now gave certain details. I would like to know from the honourable Minister whether, in order to detect the causes and control the disease of cancer in Assam, the same investigative procedures and means would be adopted in the B. B. Cancer Hospital in Assam.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Sir, what about political cancer in Assam?... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: I will come to that later. ...(*Interruptions*)...

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE: Sir, I have never heard of poltical cancer in any State... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: I said, 'in Assam'.

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE: Thank you very much for bringing it to my notice. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: A major surgery is required for that. (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right, Mr. Kalita.

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: I have no supplementary to ask, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Why? You are happy with the reply?

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Yes, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. Mr. Jagadambi Prasad Yadav.

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : सभापति जी, पूर्वी जोन देश का सेंसिटिव एरिया है, और वहां के लोग कैंसर के ट्रीटमेंट के लिए या तो बम्बई जाये या दिल्ली जायें। सरकार ने क्षेत्रीय इंस्टीट्यूट बनाने का जो निर्णय लिया है और मंत्री महोदया ने भी कहा है कि असम सरकार प्रोपोजल भेजे, तो मैं एक निवेदन करना चाहता हूं कि असम सरकार कैंसर इंस्टीट्यूट को सक्षम बनाने की क्षमता नहीं रखती क्योंकि इसके ट्रीटमेंट के लिए जो सबसे बड़ा ट्रीटमेंट लीनियर एक्सलेटर है वह सिर्फ दिल्ली में है या बम्बई में है। जब तक उसकी प्रोपोजल की सैंटिग न हो तब तक कुछ नहीं हो सकता। अभी सरकार कोबाल्ट थरोपी मशीन को देने की बात करती है और यह तो किसी भी ऑर्डिनरी इंस्टीट्यूट में है। इसलिए मैं सरकार से निवेदन करना चाहता हूं क्या लीनियर एक्सलेटर देकर के, चाहे बम्बई के स्तर का हो या दिल्ली के स्तर का हो, उस क्षेत्रीय अस्पताल को बनाने की केन्द्रीय सरकार की कोई योजना है और इसके लिए क्या कोई टीम केन्द्रीय सरकार भेजेगी जैसे एन्थरोपोलोजी की टीम भेजी थी? एन्थरोपोलोजी की बात नहीं बल्कि कैंसर इन्स्टीट्यूट को क्षेत्रीय रूप देने के लिए चाहे वह बम्बई इंस्टीट्यूट के नीचे हों या दिल्ली इंस्टीट्यूट के नीचे हों जिसमें लीनियर एक्सलरेटर भी हो, की कोई केन्द्रीय सरकार की योजना है? एक-एक मशीन पर कई लाख नहीं बल्कि करोड़ों रुपये लगते है। मैं यह निवेदन करना चाहता हूं कि केन्द्रीय सरकार जब तक सक्षमपूर्वक कोई योजना नहीं बनाती या कोई टीम नहीं भेजती तब तक कोई इसका निराकरण नहीं हो सकता। दूरी को देखते हुए सरकार सोच रही है लेकिन थोड़ा विस्तार रूप से सोचे तो अच्छा रहेगा।

कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे : माननीय सदस्य इस विभाग के भूतपूर्व मंत्री रह चुके हैं। सदन के सामने इस प्रश्न से संबंधित सुझाव आपने रखे है वे सुझाव वाकई स्वागत योग्य है। मैं अपनी ओर से पूरी कोशिश करूंगी इन सुझावों पर विचार करने की।

Financial assistance to state to fight population growth

*203. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether inadequate financial assistance has been provided to State Government to fight the population growth;

(b) whether the Karnataka Government has repeatedly asked for such assistance from the Centre;

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) what are the details of financial allocations made to Karnataka during the current plan period in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) The Statewise allocation is made on the basis of trend of expenditure, infrastructure in position, past performance and targets within the overall plan ceiling. The entire expenditure on family welfare programme is provided by the Centre as grants-in-aid to States.

(b) and (c) Rupees 22.99 crores have been released to Karnataka during the current year. The State Government has not projected their request for enhanced financial assistance, except under the Mass Education and Media Scheme for which